

Line 6, change "pertaining to said components" to --associated with each optoelectronic component--.

Line 7, before "resistance" insert --respective-- and delete "The invention".

Line 8, change "can be used to tune the" to --The--.

Line 9, after "waveguides" insert -- may be tuned--.

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-17 in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP98/06911 and adds new claims 18-36. The new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings are to conform the specification, abstract and drawings to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification, abstract and drawings do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application includes an International Search Report, a copy of which is included herewith, and an International Preliminary Examination Report, a translation of which is submitted herewith.

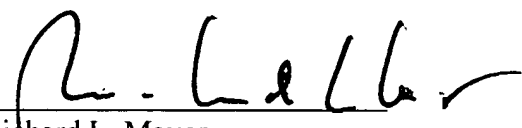
### Conclusion

Consideration of the present application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

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